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1. In setting up a new kolkhoz in Rumania, the first step of the Communist leaders is to get together a group of the poorest peasants. To these, advantages of every type are promised. They then form the nucleus of the future kolkhoz.
2. The second step is to draw up a list of those who have consented to enter the kolkhoz. This includes the impoverished group and a number of prosperous peasants who have never had the least intention of joining a kolkhoz. Opposite each individual's name is listed the lands and agricultural equipment belonging to him. This is easy to secure as such a list must by law be deposited in the town hall.
3. The third step is the appearance of a caravan of automobiles in the village. The cortege includes men from the Department of Agriculture, delegates of the Rumanian Workers Party and other Communists. They go to the town hall which is decorated as if for a feast day. The Militia and Agents of the Securitate are conspicuously present. There are speeches and public voting, by raising the hand, for the executive committee of the future kolkhoz.
4. The following day the final act takes place. The Militia arrives to seize all agricultural equipment, according to the lists that have been drawn up. All recalcitrants are arrested and taken away at once. A few days later the radio announces that a new kolkhoz has been set up by the freely expressed desire of the people.

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